

Easter Sunrise Service



On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

~ Luke 24:1-5

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Trinity Presbyterian Church
16 April 2017 - 6:55 a.m.

Easter Proclamation

Faith Cockren

O Christ, in Your resurrection,

The heavens and the earth rejoice! Alleluia!

By Your resurrection You proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

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Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Invocation

Andrew Preyna

Opening Song:

Where You There

Spiritual

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

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O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Prayer of Confession

David Preyna

Almighty God, we confess that we hear the Good News but do not always receive it. We say we believe it but struggle to live it out. We look for signs of eternal life around us but fail to trust in the new life given to us now. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and narrow way of understanding. Open our hearts and minds to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ in our daily lives, that we might live eternally. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Song of Response:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Hymn to Joy*

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, See a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding, bring a taste of love

unknown.

Scripture Reading Selections from Psalm 118 Christal Dudley

Silent Reflection

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10

Annalee Bickers

Silent Reflection

Skit

The Tale of the Three Trees

Narrator: Connor Bickers

Trees: Annalee Bickers, Chance Bickers, David Preyna

Prayers of the People

Chance Bickers

(At this time the prayers from the wailing wall will be brought forward to the cross and burned as a fragrant offering to our God. As the prayers are burned please keep silence and offer up the prayers on your heart.)

***Easter Affirmation**

Tyler Cross

Do not look for the risen Jesus only here, in the confines of this church building.

We will seek the risen Jesus on the roads and in the streets, in all the pathways and byways of our lives.

Do not seek comfort in the familiar, but dare to risk the unfamiliar –

We know that Resurrection makes all things new!

Do not cling to all the old expected notions about God, Jesus, and Spirit, but go forth and celebrate this truly new Good News:

Because Christ lives, new possibilities are ever before us!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia and amen!

(share the sign of peace with those around you)

Flowering the Cross

Everyone is invited to help us flower the cross. The flowers symbolize that new life comes from death. It is a beautiful reminder that Christ is not on the cross but is risen!